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Request 26-306 Closed

Dates

Due

August 5, 2026

Received

June 29, 2026 via web

Requester

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Additional information

Request

To the Custodian of Public Records — Pender County Sheriff's Office:

Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Law (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 et seq.), I request copies of the following records concerning the Sheriff's Office's use of automated license-plate-reader (ALPR) cameras, including any provided by Flock Safety, Genetec, Motorola, or any other vendor, whether operated by your agency or accessible to it through another agency's network:

1. All current contracts, quotes, purchase orders, and renewals with any ALPR vendor.
2. Any policy, directive, or standard operating procedure governing ALPR use, access, data retention, and auditing. <...

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Timeline Documents

Date range - Example: Jan 1st 2024 - Jan 31st 2024

No data entered

Key terms - 3 to 4 to help locate identifiable records

ALPR Flock Contract

Staff assigned

Departments

Sheriff's Office

Point of contact

Tracy Sholders

Message from requester

Requester + Staff

August 3, 2026

Pender County Sheriff's Office

Attn: Tracy Sholders, Public Records

Via Pender County NextRequest portal — Request #26-306

Re: Completing the production on Request #26-306 (ALPR/Flock records)

Thank you. The August 3 production answered part of this request. You confirmed a 30-day retention policy — inside the 90-day statutory cap — and released the ALPR policy, Flock invoices and the purchase order, the SBI data-sharing MOU, and seven private-property camera agreements. That cooperation is noted and appreciated.

Several items in the original request remain outstanding, and one produced report appears to contain an export error. This letter lists what is still owed so the file can be closed complete. Each item below tracks a public record already held in Flock's system; producing it requires an export, not the creation of any new record.

What is still outstanding

1. The Network Audit (who searched Pender's cameras). The production included the **Organization Audit** — Pender's **own** outbound searches. It did not include the **Network Audit**, which shows the outside agencies that searched **Pender County's** cameras. These are opposite directions, and the Network

Audit is a distinct export in the Flock Insights tab. Please produce the Network Audit for the most recent three months, with the **Organization Name** (searching-agency) field intact.

2. The Event Log. The request asked for the Flock **Event Log** (audit trail of account activity). It was not produced. Please export it for the same three-month window.

3. A complete, corrected Organization Audit. The Organization Audit covers only July 4 through August 3, 2026 — about one month, not the three requested. Separately, the two "offense-type usage" reports you produced — one labeled March 1–May 31 and one labeled June 1–August 3 — are **byte-for-byte identical**, listing the same 79 / 60 / 50 counts for both periods. Two different quarters cannot produce the same totals, so at least one export is mislabeled or was generated for the wrong range. Please produce the full three-month Organization Audit and corrected offense-type reports.

4. Camera count and locations. The request asked how many Flock cameras the Sheriff's Office operates and where they are sited. No count or location list was produced. Please provide the current inventory.

5. The network and sharing configuration. Please produce the Flock **sharing settings** for the Sheriff's account — the configuration screens showing which networks Pender shares its data with and which it receives from, including

any statewide or nationwide lookup setting.

6. The lists of agencies shared with and received from, and any hotlists. Related to item 5: please produce the actual **lists** of agencies Pender shares with and pulls from, and any hotlists or custom alerts configured on the account.

7. Remaining data-sharing agreements, or a statement of none. Only the **SBI** MOU was produced. Please produce any data-sharing MOU or agreement with **ICE, CBP, HSI, the FBI, or any other federal agency**, and any agreement enabling **nationwide** cross-agency lookups. If none exist, a short written statement to that effect will close the item.

8. The executed Flock agreement or order form. Invoices (INV-56056, INV-79581) and a purchase order were produced, but not the **executed contract, order form, or data-processing addendum** they reference. Please produce the signed agreement.

9. The unique search identifier. The Organization Audit redacted the system-generated **search ID** for every row. That field is a machine identifier, not personal information, and no records exemption reaches it. Producing it lets each search be verified and cross-checked. Please produce the audit with the ID field intact, or cite the specific exemption relied on to withhold it.

Why these matter

The data already produced shows why the rest is public business. Across 364 of the

Sheriff's own searches in one month, a single search reached as many as **6,234 camera networks**, and 78% touched 100 or more — routine lookups sweeping a nationwide web of cameras. And **13.7% of those searches were coded "Traffic Infraction,"** the third most common stated reason. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-183.31(b) provides that ALPR data "shall not be used" for traffic-enforcement purposes of that kind. The Network Audit, the sharing configuration, and the sharing lists are what let the public see the full scope of that exchange.

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6, these are public records subject to production "as promptly as possible." Please treat the items above as a continuation of Request #26-306 rather than a new request. If any item is withheld, please state the specific statutory basis for each, as § 132-6(c) requires.

#1 and #3 take minutes to produce in a .csv file at the stroke of a few keys on the computer. Please produce those in the next five days. I will accept the remaining deficiencies on a rolling basis.

I am glad to talk through format or scope on any item. Thank you for your continued attention.

Respectfully,

Mark Spencer Williams

August 3, 2026, 9:31pm by Mark S Williams

Request published Anyone with access to this request

August 3, 2026, 8:06pm by Tracy Sholders, (910) 259-1518 (Staff)

Request closed

Anyone with access to this request

Attached is the information from the Pender County Sheriff's Office for Flock.

The Pender County Sheriff's Office has no disciplinary actions reported. All records have been released, and your request has been fulfilled

August 3, 2026, 8:06pm by Tracy Sholders, (910) 259-1518 (Staff)

Document(s) released

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Pender Sheriff Flock Policy.pdf
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Property Agreement .pdf
Property Agreement 2.pdf
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Property Agreement 4.pdf
Property Agreement 5.pdf
Property Agreement 7.pdf
Property Agreement 6.pdf

August 3, 2026, 8:05pm by Tracy Sholders, (910) 259-1518 (Staff)

Message from requester

Requester + Staff

Dear [Records Custodian / Public Records Officer],

I am following up on the public records request I submitted to [Agency] on **29 June 2026** regarding its automated license plate reader (Flock/ALPR) records. As of today, I have not received the records or a response.

North Carolina's Public Records Law requires public records to be produced "as promptly as possible" (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a)). More than two weeks have now passed. Please let me know the current status of the request and the date by which I can expect production. If any portion is being withheld or redacted, please identify the specific statutory basis for each.

If it would speed production, I am glad to clarify or narrow the request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Spencer Williams

July 13, 2026, 1:38am by Mark S Williams

Department assignment

Anyone with access to this request

Added: Sheriff's Office.

June 29, 2026, 1:32pm by Tracy Sholders, (910) 259-1518 (Staff)

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June 29, 2026, 1:26pm by Mark S Williams

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